

MINUTES.

English Evangelical Lutheran Synod
of the Northwest.

Third Annual Meeting,

Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.,

June 7-11, A. D. 1893.

PRESERVE THE MINUTES FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

MILWAUKEE:
BURDICK, ARMITAGE & ALLEN, PRINTERS,
1893.

Church of the Redeemer,

Milwaukee, Wis.



The Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, is situated on the West Side, a mile west of the business centre of the city. The church lot, 70 by 126 feet in size, is on 16th Street, between Wells Street and Grand Avenue, the finest street in Milwaukee. The lot, which adjoins the alley, has on it a good frame house, and the Chapel, built in 1890 of light brick with stone trimmings, 40 by 68 feet in size. The height to the centre of the ceiling is 37 feet. The windows are filled with cathedral glass. Under the end gallery are the library, and the infant class-room, separated from the auditorium by movable glass partitions. The Chapel is furnished with churchly furniture. It seats 300 persons and accommodates 400 Sunday School children. The cost, furnished, was \$6,200; the lot cost \$12,100. The space for the future Church is 70 by 84 feet.

MINUTES.

Opening Service.

The third Annual Meeting of the "English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest" was held June 7-11, 1893, in the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis., Rev. W. K. Frick, pastor.

It was opened on Wednesday evening, June 7. Preparatory Service, according to the Order for Confession and Absolution, preceded the Divine Service according to the Order for Morning Service, the Treasurer officiating. The President, Rev. George H. Gerberding, of Fargo, North Dakota, preached the Synodical Sermon on Judges vii. 20, 21. The members of the Synod and Congregation then partook of the Holy Communion.

First Session.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, MILWAUKEE,

THURSDAY, June 8, 9 A. M.

The first Business Session was opened with the Matin Service, including Hymns 248 and 393 and Psalm xxiii, led by Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, the President concluding it with the Order for the Opening of Synod.

The roll was called by Parishes. The credentials of the Lay Delegates were handed in and referred to

a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Haupt and Steimle and Mr. Borgen. On the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS
and the subsequent reception of one Congregation and one Pastor, the roll was finally made up. It shows an attendance of 7 Pastors and 3 Lay Delegates, representing 7 Parishes.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

PASTORS.	ORDAINED.	PARISHES.	LAY DELEGATES.
1. W. K. Frick.	1873	Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.	John Schultz, Jr.
2. G. H. Gerberding.	1876	St. Mark's, Fargo, N. Dak.	
3. H. L. McMurray.	1877	St. John's, Duluth, Minn.	P. Bayha, a., e.
4. A. J. D. Haupt.	1884	Memorial, St. Paul, Minn.	Gen. Herman Haupt, a., e.
		St. Mark's, N. St. Paul, Minn.	
5. W. L. Smith.	1889	Trinity, W. St. Paul, Minn.	Gumnerius Borgen.
6. A. Steimle.	1891	[St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn.]	
7. R. L. Leathernan.	1891	Salem, r. Minneapolis, Minn.	H. W. Grahn.
8. J. L. Deaton, r., a., e.	1891	[Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash.]	

a., absent; e., excused; r., received at this Meeting.

The President read his annual report as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Dear Brethren:

Once again it is our privilege to meet together in Synodical Session. Our little band is still unbroken. Death has

been busy during the past year, and many have fallen in Church and in State, but God has mercifully spared us. Truly, "the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting and His truth endureth to all generations."

In this Columbian year we realize that we meet in the midst of stirring times. Momentous questions and vital interests are moving the minds and hearts of the people. The greatest World's Fair ever opened on earth is bringing all nations and peoples and tongues and tribes together in that vast and wonderful city in whose neighborhood we are assembled. From one end of the land to the other all classes and conditions of men are looking to, reading and talking about the Columbian Exposition. In the midst of all this stir and interest and excitement, we meet to take counsel concerning the things of the Kingdom of God.

THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE.

We also realize that these times are fraught with danger to the Church of Christ. The spirit of the age is given to sensualism, materialism, and skepticism. The foundations of Church and State seem to be endangered. Restlessness, uncertainty, suspicion, and strife are characteristic of nearly all the great ecclesiastical conventions of the year. The unscrupulous and persistent efforts to throw open the gates of the Exposition on the Lord's Day bode no good to the friends of Sunday rest and worship. The Chinese exclusion and registration act is a disgrace to a civilized and Christian nation and must certainly bring retribution from Him who deals with nations as with individuals. Of the nation it is also true: "Whatsoever it soweth, that shall it also reap."

MEN FOR THE TIMES.

Surely these times require, in the pulpit and in the pew, "men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and of wisdom." To fulfill our mission our ministers must be full of Apostolic conviction, zeal, fervor, and firmness. Our

church members ought to be earnest and consecrated believers, "living epistles read and known of all men," of whom the world may take knowledge that they have "been with Jesus and learned of Him." All this is especially true of our trying and difficult Western mission work.

SECULARIZING THE CHURCH.

And right here your President would call attention to a special danger that threatens our congregational life. It is the growing tendency to bring the world, with its spirit and methods, into the Church by means of entertainments and amusements.

Our ladies' and young people's societies want to bring money into the Lord's treasury. Too often they want to do this by means of festivals, suppers, theatricals, and other entertainments. Thus they set aside the Scripture rule for giving, kill the true spirit of Christian liberality and drive out that earnest spiritual life without which the Church cannot exert her saving and sanctifying power.

NEGLECT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Another evil that afflicts our congregations is the frequent and habitual absence of so many from the most of the Communion during the year. Our Doctrine of the Lord's Supper is one of our distinguishing glories. To a Lutheran Christian this Holy Sacrament is a real and necessary channel of grace and strength. Therefore all Lutheran Communicants who have a living interest in Christ, ought to come to this Feast every time the opportunity is given. Yet our sad experience is that too many of our youth neglect it for years after their first Communion. Their parents and elders too often set an evil example by coming at most only once a year. It is a sad evidence of a low stage of spiritual intelligence and life and deserves our prayerful interest and consideration.

THE SYNODICAL YEAR.

Our last Synodical year has, in general, been one of prosperity. Our statistical tables will show an encouraging increase in our baptized and communicant membership. Church debts have been materially reduced. The collections have been liberal and the promise is that these Western Missions will richly repay all they have cost. One Congregation has made application for membership in our body and will doubtless be received. There might have been more increase in our strength had it not been for the unfortunate failure of the General Council to meet during the year. On account of this failure our relation to the General Council is the same as it was a year ago.

INFLUENCE OF SYNOD.

Our Congregations are still doing an important work. They are reaching homes and hearts that, in all probability, could not be reached without them. They are also wielding a growing influence on Congregations and communities beyond our bounds. The interest in English Sunday School and Church work is increasing on every side. Our little Synod has had an important and wholesome influence on every non-English Lutheran body of the whole Northwest. Had we accomplished nothing more than this, it alone would justify our organization and existence. We rejoice in the starting of every English Lutheran Sunday School or Congregation except where such a move is made for the purpose of injuring or retarding what we have already done. It is our sincere desire to be helpful to all our Lutheran neighbors.

THE CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We rejoice again in the continued and signal prosperity of the new English Lutheran Seminary at Chicago. God alone knows what an important and far-reaching work

that school of the prophets will accomplish for our dear Church in the Northwest. Surely it must have a warm place in the heart of every member of our Congregations, and a large claim on the prayers and gifts of every lover of our Zion.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.

During the year your President has traveled even more than in the year before. Not all in the direct interest of our Synod, but all in the interest of English Lutheran work. He has officially visited every Congregation or Parish within our bounds, and endeavored to strengthen and encourage them.

Rev. A. Steimle resigned his position as assistant Pastor of Memorial Parish, St. Paul. The resignation took effect Oct. 1st, 1892. He supplied the vacant pulpit of St. John's Church, Minneapolis, for several months, and afterwards accepted a call from the Home Mission Board and the Congregation at Red Wing, Minn. He took charge of that Congregation Jan. 15, 1893. Since then he has been laboring successfully in that field.

On August 30th, 1892, your President received a letter from Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, informing him officially that St. Mark's, North St. Paul would be vacant Oct. 1st; and asking his co-operation in securing a successor to Rev. A. Steimle. On account of the relation of Memorial Parish to St. Mark's, and because its Pastor had made himself responsible for the salary, your President left the supply of St. Mark's pulpit to him.

The unhappy case of Memorial Church will be reported on by a committee elected for that purpose.

And, now, may the guidance and benediction of the Great Head of the Church be with us in all our deliberations.

G. H. GERBERDING.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., June 7, 1893.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Rev. WILLARD L. SMITH, Treasurer,

In account with the ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

June 23, 1892, to June 7, 1893.

RECEIPTS.

Fargo, N. D., St. Mark's Church:

For G. C. Church Extension.....	\$10 00
For Minutes.....	13 29
For Student at Chicago Seminary.....	15 00
St. Mark's Sunday School:	
For G. C. Church Extension.....	30 00
For G. C. Home Mission Board	28 00
St. Mark's Pioneer Mission League:	
For Icelandic Mission (Utah).....	15 00
For Furnishing Room in Chicago Sem.	60 00
	\$171 29

Minneapolis, Minn.:

Salem Church for G. C. H. M. Board....	\$ 8 37
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St. Paul, Minn.:

Memorial Church for Minutes.....	\$ 1 90
“ “ and Sunday School	
for G. C. H. M. B.....	27 58
Memorial Church Branch Sunday	
School for G. C. H. M. B.....	1 50
Memorial Church Branch Sunday	
School for G. C. F. M. B.....	1 25
Memorial Church for G. C. For. Miss. B.	10 00
“ “ Ladies' Aid Society	
for “Women's Memorial”.....	55 00
St. Mark's, N. St. Paul, for G. C. H. M. B.	1 75
	\$ 98 98

West St. Paul, Minn., Trinity Church:

For General Beneficence.....	\$ 5 20
For G. C. Ch. Extension.....	15 00
	\$ 20 20

Duluth Minn., St. John's Church:

For Traveling Expenses.....	\$13 50
For G. C. H. M. B.....	8 00
For G. C. Ch. Extension.....	5 00
For Synodical Expenses.....	3 84
St. John's Sunday School:	
For G. C. H. M. B.....	19 30
For G. C. Ch. Extension.....	10 00
	\$ 59 64

Milwaukee, Wis., Church of the Redeemer:

For G. C. F. M. B.....	\$ 8 82
For Synodical Expenses.....	13 13
For Furnishing Room in Chicago Sem.	12 00
Church of Redeemer Sunday School:	
For G. C. H. M. B.....	14 03
For Student at Chicago Seminary.....	31 17
	\$74 80
	\$437 63

DISBURSEMENTS.

Traveling Expenses.....	\$21 32
General Council Church Extension.....	70 00
G. C. Foreign Mission Board.....	20 07
G. C. English Home Mission Board.....	108 53
Chicago Theological Seminary :	
For Student.....	\$46 17
“ Furnishing Rooms.....	72 00
	\$118 17
Icelandic Mission in Utah.....	15 00
“ Women's Memorial ” Church, Utah.....	55 00
Printing Minutes.....	28 65
	\$436 74
Balance in Treasury.....	.89
	\$437 63

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. .

The President appointed Rev. Mr. Leatherman and Mr. Schultz, tellers. They reported the following as re-elected, the Treasurer on the third ballot:

President—Rev. GEORGE H. GERBERDING.

Secretary—Rev. WILLIAM K. FRICK.

Treasurer—Rev. WILLARD L. SMITH.

The President appointed the following

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report*—Rev. A. Steimle, Rev. W. L. Smith, and Mr. G. Borgen.
2. *On Auditing*—Rev. A. J. D. Haupt and Mr. H. W. Grahn.
3. *On Reception of Congregations*—Rev. H. L. McMurray, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, and Mr. J. Schultz.
4. *On General Council Minutes*—None needed.
5. *On Statistics and Parochial Reports*—Rev. W. K. Frick.
6. *On Apportionment*—Rev. W. K. Frick and Mr. Borgen.
7. *On Excuses*—Rev. R. L. Leatherman.
8. *On Traveling Expenses*—Rev. W. L. Smith and Mr. Borgen.
9. *On Examination of Protocol*—Rev. W. K. Frick and Mr. J. Schultz.

WELCOME TO VISITING BRETHREN.

At this and subsequent sessions, the President welcomed to a seat in the Convention the following: Rev. Prof. J. Sander, of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.; Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D., and Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph. D., Professors in the Chicago Theological Seminary; Mr. Julius A. Bohn of St. John's Church,

Minneapolis; Rev. C. Gram, Milwaukee; Rev. J. L. Murphy, Bristol, Tenn.; and Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Rev. J. Telleen, Rock Island, Ill., Superintendents of General Council Home and Foreign Missions.

NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS

was given, and the items were noted for subsequent action.

The HOURS of the Business Sessions were fixed at 9 to 11:45 A. M. and 2 to 5 P. M.

Rev. H. L. McMurray was appointed REPORTER for the daily press.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee would report the accompanying printed Program of Exercises which provides for Business Sessions in the morning, Papers and discussions in the afternoon, and Addresses in the evening; and designates the Matin and Vesper Services for daily use with appropriate hymns, tunes, and psalms; and they recommend its adoption as an experiment in the utilizing of the time and forces of the Synod to the best advantage.

The Unfinished Business is itemized. The Reports have been examined and prepared for submission.

THE SECRETARY.

Adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Omitting items elsewhere noted, the following is the unfinished business in the Minutes of 1892:

Page 14. Compilation of laws on Church property, etc.;

is report ready? Partially prepared; not considered for lack of time.

Page 14. Seal; committee on. Continued.

Page 15. Chicago Theological Seminary; collections for support of student; have our Churches, etc., contributed? Two have.

Page 20. Apportionment; did the Churches raise their quota? Did they contribute to the objects specified? See report of Apportionment Committee and Parochial Reports.

Page 22. What Amendments to By-Laws are ready? Item deferred.

Page 22. Has a Church Extension Day been observed? Five Churches observed it.

Page 22. Has the General Council granted request for more men in our territory? No meeting held in 1892.

A correction is called for in the printed Minutes. On page 4 omit, opposite St. Mark's, N. St. Paul, the words "no delegate," this Church forming part of Memorial Parish, represented by two delegates as it had two Pastors. Likewise in the Parochial Reports, page 32, introduce the Church immediately after St. Anthony Hill Sunday School as part of Memorial Parish and number it "2" instead of "3."

THE SECRETARY.

Adopted, with its recommendations.

PROGRAM OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

*See at the close of the Minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS.

Your Committee on the Reception of Congregations beg leave to report that they have examined the application of Salem Congregation of Minneapolis, Minn., together with

its Constitution, and find it to be in full accord with those of our Synod and the General Council. We therefore recommend that this Congregation be received as a member of this Synod, and its Lay Delegate, Mr. H. W. Grahn, be given a seat in this Convention.

H. L. McMURRAY,
A. J. D. HAUPT,
JOHN SCHULTZ, Jr.

Adopted.

Synod then elected the following

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

PRIMARI.

Rev. G. H. GERBERDING.
Ex-Officio.

M. O. HALL, Esq.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. K. FRICK.

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** Selection of Lay Alternate on motion left to the Executive Committee.*

Adjourned, with the use of the Lord's Prayer.

Second Session.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

The Session was opened with Hymn 399 and Prayer by Rev. Prof. J. Sander.

It was devoted entirely to

THE READING OF PAPERS.

I. "*The Days of the Second Great Commandment*,"—by Rev. Prof. W. A. Sadtler, Ph. D., Chicago Theological Seminary.

II. "*How to Cultivate a Beneficent Spirit in our Churches*,"—by Rev. W. L. Smith.

The hearty discussion elicited by these papers left time for the mere reading of

III. "*Sunday School Work within our Synod*,"—by Rev. R. L. Leatherman.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Roth.

Third Session.

FRIDAY, June 9, 9 A. M.

The Matin Service was conducted by Rev. W. K. Frick. It included Hymns 327 and 367, Psalm CXXII and the Litany.

The Roll was called and the Minutes were read and adopted.

The President read the following letter containing

**GREETINGS FROM THE UNITED NORWEGIAN
LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., June 8, 1893.

To the English Synod of the Northwest, at Milwaukee, Wis:

The United Norwegian Lutheran Church in Convention at Minneapolis, Minn., has received through Pres. G. H. Gerberding the greetings, and well wishes of the English Synod of the Northwest, and hereby through its committee, sends fraternal greetings to the English Synod of the Northwest, in convention at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The United Norwegian Lutheran Church expresses a cordial interest in the labors of the English Synod of the Northwest and prays that it may, in our common work, be richly blessed of the Lord to the extension of the work of our Lutheran

vineyard, and to the ingathering of souls for the everlasting kingdom.

E. G. LUND,
M. FALK GJERTSEN,
J. O. HOUGEN,
Committee.

Received, and ordered to be recorded in the Minutes.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIUM.

The Rev. J. L. Deaton of Seattle, Wash., is, on the report of the Examining Committee, recommended by the Ministerium for reception into this Synod by transfer from the Tennessee Synod.

THE SECRETARY.

The report was adopted, and Rev. J. L. Deaton's name ordered to be placed on the Roll.

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVARIUS.

The Archivarius reports an ample reserve supply of Minutes for the use of future members.

W. K. FRICK.

Accepted.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Having examined the accounts of the Treasurer, we would respectfully report that the books are correct and tally with the vouchers so far as these go. But it is evident from a comparison of the Parochial Reports with the Treasurer's books and also from the books themselves:

1. That quite a sum has been contributed to the Church which should have gone through the hands of the Treasurer and appear upon his books, but which has

been sent direct. This ought not so to be, and the attention of the Pastors ought to be called to this matter.

2. That the accounts have been very much confused by having the Pastors send money direct, receiving vouchers therefor and simply reporting the case to the Treasurer without vouchers or sending him a voucher of their own, and then also a voucher from the parties to whom the money was sent.

3. We would suggest for the convenience of the Treasurer, that a thorough system of transmitting and checking the accounts be adopted by the Synod.

A. J. D. HAUPT,
HARRY W. GRAHN.

Adopted.

It was also resolved, That each Pastor keep a record of all funds sent to the Treasurer, and that the Treasurer give a receipt to each person for mon-
eys received.

Rev. J. Telleen, Foreign Mission Superintendent, having arrived and been welcomed, it was resolved that, in order to enable him to return speedily to Rock Island, his address be transferred from the evening to the afternoon Session.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE ON THE MEMORIAL CHURCH CASE.

ST. PAUL, MINN., NOV. 16, 1892.

The Committee appointed by Synod to confer with Memorial Congregation met with them on the above date. Thirty-eight members of the Congregation were present. After devotional exercises the meeting was called to order by Rev. A. J. D. Haupt. Mr. J. H. Hensel was elected Secretary for the Congregation, and Rev. R. L. Leatherman for the Committee.

The Congregation wished to know what the Committee had to propose. Rev. G. H. Gerberding read a letter from Pastor Swärd in which he stated that the disciplined member could have a rehearing in the "First Swedish Lutheran Church" of St. Paul at any time he would apply for it. On the strength of that letter the Committee requested the Congregation to reconsider the reception of said disciplined member in order that he might clear himself with the "First Swedish Lutheran Church" of St. Paul.

The Congregation thereupon appointed a Committee to draw up resolutions in reply to the Committee's proposal. The following are the resolutions:

"1. *Resolved*, That after the consideration of the question presented by the Committee, the Congregation of Memorial Church express their willingness to make proper concessions, but cannot perceive that their former action was, in view of the facts upon which it was based, in any way improper, and therefore reaffirm the action of June 15, 1892.

"2. *Resolved*, That we deeply regret if our action should in any way jeopardize the interests of the Synod of the Northwest."

A. J. D. HAUPT,
HERMAN HAUPT,
H. W. KNAUFF,
A. H. HOOPER,

Committee.

While, therefore, the Committee appointed by Synod deeply regret this final action of Memorial Church, we recommend that Synod now carry out Resolution 4 of the Report of the Committee on Memorial Church Case, Minutes 1892, page 18.

G. H. GERBERDING,
R. L. LEATHERMAN,
H. L. McMURRAY,

The report was accepted for consideration. Rev. A. J. D. Haupt led in prayer. The historical part of the report was accepted by all parties as a true statement of fact. An earnest discussion on the recommendation of the Committee occupied the rest of the morning Session.

VISIT TO THE MILWAUKEE HOSPITAL.

The Synod accepted the invitation of Rev. Dr. Roth, Vice-Director, to visit the Milwaukee Hospital, Rev. Dr. W. A. Passavant, Director, and set 5-6 P. M. as the time.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. Telleen.

Fourth Session.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Opened with Hymn 295, the reading of Ezek. xxxiii, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Roth.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY ADDRESS.

Rev. John Telleen, of Rock Island, Ill., Superintendent of General Council Foreign Missions, then addressed the Synod.

Synod then resumed

THE READING OF PAPERS.

IV. "*The Orders for Ministerial Acts*,"—by Rev. William K. Frick.

The portions relating to the Orders for Baptism and Confirmation were read and discussed. The remainder of the paper lies over until next year.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. H. L. McMurray.

Fifth Session.

FRIDAY, 7:45 P. M.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. H. McMurray, Synod resumed

THE READING OF PAPERS.

V. "*The Cultivation of a Devotional Spirit in our Churches*,"—by Rev. H. L. McMurray. Discussion ensued.

Rev. J. N. Lenker, Western Secretary of the General Synod's Board of Church Extension, was present. The President recognized the fact that there are in the General Synod a number of men in unity of the faith with us, and believing that Rev. Mr. Lenker is one of them, he therefore welcomed the brother. The latter responded in a very fitting address.

Adjourned with Hymn 525 and prayer by the President.

Sixth Session.

SATURDAY, June 10, 9 A. M.

The Session was opened with Hymn 510, the reading of 1 John v. and prayer by Rev. R. L. Leatherman.

The Roll was called and the Minutes were read and approved.

CONCERNING THE FARGO FIRE

which threatened St. Mark's Church and parsonage, it was

Resolved, That this Synod rejoices and gives hearty thanks to Almighty God for the wonderful deliverance of our President's family and church during the recent visitation of Fargo by fire while he was absent in attendance at Synod, and that he be excused at the close of this afternoon's session.

THE MEMORIAL CHURCH CASE

was resumed, and it was

Resolved, That the Synod now carry out the intent of last year's resolution [see page 18, Resolution 4] by indefinitely suspending Memorial Congregation, St. Paul, including the Pastor, from membership in this Synod.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRAVELING EXPENSES.

We find that \$34.59 was collected as a Traveling Expense Fund, and that the traveling expenses of the several brethren, clerical and lay, amounted to \$86.26, leaving a deficit of \$51.67, or \$5.17 per member.

1. We would recommend that the deficiency be met by equalization.
2. We recommend that hereafter each Congregation bear its own Pastor and Delegate's expenses.
3. We recommend that the Treasurer be empowered to pay the expenses of the delegates to the coming Convention

of the General Council, provided they attend all the business sessions.

W. L. SMITH,
G. BORGES.

Adopted, with its recommendations.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES.

Your Committee would congratulate the Synod on the full and faithful attendance of members of this Convention, all the Pastors, but one, and three Lay Delegates being present. Two Lay Delegates are absent. The Delegates of Memorial Church, St. Paul, and St. John's Church, Duluth, were unable, on account of business, to attend, and it is recommended that they be excused. St. Mark's, Fargo, having elected no delegate, it is recommended that the Church be excused for its neglect of duty.

R. L. LEATHERMAN.

Adopted, with its recommendations.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. A. Steimle.

Seventh Session.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Rev. W. L. Smith offered the opening prayer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your Committee respectfully submits the following :

1. We rejoice that during the last year the Lord has again spared us from cases of sickness and death, and has permitted us all to labor unremittingly for the cause of His Kingdom.

2. We rejoice that the enemies of Sunday closing at the World's Fair have succumbed to the principles of righteousness and morality enunciated by the United States courts.

3. We deplore the failure of Congress to repeal the Geary Chinese Exclusion Act, and pray the great Head of the Church to ward off the dangers threatening the Lutheran and other Christian missionary operations in that benighted country, caused by that unrighteous law.

4. We are glad that our President has called our attention to the great and growing danger arising from Church entertainments and worldly schemes for bringing money into the Lord's treasury. We recommend that we put ourselves on record, as a Synod, against all unscriptural and unbecoming devices for raising Church funds; and that we especially most earnestly protest against the disgraceful custom in vogue in some portions of the Northwest, of using the young ladies of the Church to draw worldly young men to their entertainments and amusements, accepting their society for the evening for the sake of drawing money from their purses. We look upon this as selling the daughters of Zion to the sons of Belial for the support of the cause of Christ.

We recommend that the Pastors of this Synod earnestly and persistently endeavor to awaken and foster a true and scriptural spirit and practice of Christian beneficence, so that our people may first give themselves unto the Lord, and then give gratefully and gladly of their substance to Him who gave Himself for them.

5. We recognize and deplore the indifference and negligence in our Churches as to the Holy Communion, and recommend that our Pastors endeavor more earnestly than ever to instruct their people as to the importance and need of this high and holy Means of Grace.

6. It is a matter of satisfaction and gratification to us that the cause of English Lutheranism in the West has been extended through our humble instrumentality; and we

hope that our brethren of other tongues will come more and more to the realization that their children appeal to them through us.

7. The wonderful progress of our Seminary in Chicago is truly a cause of rejoicing for us, and we cannot but recognize in its prosperity a signal blessing from on high. We would commend it to the earnest prayers and hearty support of Pastors and people.

A. STEIMLE,
W. L. SMITH,
G. BORGES.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following resolutions were adopted:

That the value and indebtedness of Church property be omitted from the printed Minutes.

That the amount of \$5.90, contributed by the Pastor of Memorial Church for traveling expenses, be returned by equalization.

That the exercises of Sunday be always considered as part of the proceedings of Synod.

Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., Superintendent of General Council English Home Missions, arrived at this point and was welcomed by the President.

MINUTES.

The Secretary rendered his account for the printing of last year's Minutes:

EXPENDITURES.

For printing Minutes.....	\$52.80
For expressage, etc.....	8.85
	\$61.65

RECEIPTS.

From advertisements.....	\$33.00
From Treasurer.....	28.65
Adopted.	\$61.65

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The place of the next meeting being left with the Executive Committee, the invitation of Salem Church, Minneapolis, Rev. R. L. Leatherman pastor, was subsequently accepted.

The time is May 30, 1894.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL.

Again no Protocol is found, owing to lack of money to appropriate for this purpose. We suggest the reference of this matter to the Committee on Apportionment.

W. K. FRICK,
J. SCHULTZ, Jr.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

The average of Synodical and benevolent contributions passing through the Synodical Treasury in 1892-3, was 90 cents, and for all purposes other than Congregational expenses, \$1.10. We propose the following budget for 1893-4:

For Synodical Expenses.....	\$125 00
For Student at Chicago Seminary.....	125 00
For G. C. Home Missions.....	200 00
For G. C. Foreign Missions.....	50 00
	\$500 00

Taking all the circumstances into account, we recommend the raising of the following amounts by the Churches and Pastors named:

St. John's, Duluth.....	\$ 75 00
Trinity, W. St. Paul.....	25 00
Salem, Minneapolis	50 00
St. Mark's, Fargo.....	150 00
Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee.....	100 00
Rev. A. Steimle.....	75 00
Rev. J. L. Deaton.....	25 00
	\$500 00

W. K. FRICK,
G. BORGEN.

Adopted, with its recommendations.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Pastors.....	8
Congregations connected with Synod.....	7
Congregations not connected with Synod.....	1
Churches and Chapels:	
Brick, 2; frame, 7.....	9
Parsonages.....	3
Communicants in Synod (with new Congregation, gain 115).....	545
Communicants in all Congregations (gain 172).....	627
Communed during the year.....	451
Baptised membership (gain 190)	870
Infants baptised.....	86
Adult additions:	
Baptism.....	6
Confirmation.....	55— 61
Letter.....	20
Profession.....	62— 82
Total gain of Communicants.....	143

Loss of Communicants:

Died.....	4
Dropped.....	3
Removed.....	47— 54
Net gain.....	89
Sunday Schools.....	9
Teachers and Officers.....	87
Pupils.....	834—921
Gain.....	13
Apportionment of 1892-93.....	\$455 00
Paid on apportionment of 1892-93, through Synodical treasury:	
For Synodical expenses.....	\$46 98
For Home Missions.....	268 53
For Education.....	138 17
For Traveling Expense Fund.....	34 59
	488 27
For Foreign Missions.....	35 94
For local missions.....	15 00
For other charitable work.....	61 20
For General Beneficence.....	600 41
Paid for Congregational expenses.....	5,235 90
Total contributions.....	\$5,835 31
Increase over last year.....	\$136 19

For particulars, see PAROCHIAL REPORTS.*

Memorial, St. Paul, reports a Parochial School at its Branch, with 1 teacher and 25 pupils.

W. K. FRICK.

THANKS.

Resolved, That our most hearty thanks are extended to the Pastor and People of the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, for the generous hospitality shown in the reception

*On page 10, for \$74.80 read \$79.15

and entertainment of Pastors and Delegates, and their kind intention of taking the Synod for a drive about the city,* and that this resolution be read at the Sunday Morning Service.

Adopted.

The gavel used during the Convention was presented as a memorial of the Milwaukee meeting, by Mr. Chas. E. Shupe of the Church of the Redeemer, and fittingly acknowledged by the President.

The President then announced the

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive Committee—The Officers of Synod, *ex-officio*.

Examining Committee—Rev. W. K. Frick, Rev. H. L. McMurray, and Rev. A. Steimle.

Archivarius—The Secretary.

The Minutes of the closing session were read and approved.

The President conducted the Closing exercises according to the Order in the Church Book.

"And let it be our part to stand fast in the love of Christ, that, when He cometh in His glory, we may rejoice before Him with exceeding joy."

WILLIAM K. FRICK,
Secretary.

Session of the Ministerium.

THURSDAY, June 8, 11:45 A. M.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President. Rev. A. J. D. Haupt offered prayer.

* Frustrated by Saturday's rain.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Examining Committee herewith submits to the Ministerium the application of Rev. J. L. Deaton, missionary pastor of Holy Trinity English Lutheran Church of Seattle, Wash., together with his written reply to such questions as would be asked in a personal colloquium, and also his letter of transfer from the Tennessee Synod; and the same being entirely satisfactory, the Committee recommends his reception into this Synod, his personal attendance being waived under the circumstances, and in view of the personal knowledge and recent interviews of members of the Ministerium.

W. K. FRICK,
A. STEIMLE,
H. L. McMURRAY,
A. J. D. HAUPT.

Adopted with its recommendation. Adjourned.

WILLIAM K. FRICK,
Secretary.

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Number.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF PASTOR.	EDUCATIONAL Sunday Schools.				Apportionment for 1892-93.	CONTRIBUTED.					
		No. of Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	Pupils.	Average Attendance.		Synodical Treasury.	Educational.	General Council Home Missions.	General Council For- eign Missions.	Local Missions.	Other Charitable Work.	Congregational Ex- penses.
1	MINNESOTA. A. J. D. Haupt, 747 Portland ave., St. Paul.	1	17 117	93	\$150 00	.....	\$20 00	\$102 58 1 50	\$17 87 1 25	\$10 00	\$20 00	\$1,562 12 289 50
2	Served by Memorial Pastor.	2	25 173	142	.....	.....	.....	104 08	19 12	10 00	20 00	1,851 62
		1	4 30	23	17 00	3 22	.....	1 75	.....	.....	.....	501 50
		3	29 203	165	167 00	3 22	20 00	105 83	19 12	10 00	20 00	2,353 12
3	W. L. Smith, 133 E. Isabel st., St. Paul.	1	15 125	85	63 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	5 20	454 68
4	R. L. Leatherman, 2552 Colfax ave., Minn.	1	5 78	72	25 00	.....	.....	8 37	8 00	.....	.....	446 99
5	H. L. McMurray, 312 Lake ave. N., Duluth. NORTH DAKOTA.	1	9 83	61	53 00	17 34	.....	42 30	.....	5 00	5 00	744 50
6	G. H. Gerberding, 319 N. 8th st., Fargo. WISCONSIN.	1	8 130	67	53 00	13 29	75 00	83 00	.....	.....	14 00	116 00
7	W. K. Frick, 381 21st st., Milwaukee.	1	13 140	90	94 00	13 13	43 17	14 03	8 82	.....	17 00	1,120 11
	Total, - - - - - Churches not connected with Synod.	8	79 759	542	455 00	46 98	138 17	268 53	35 94	15 00	61 20	5,235 90
8	J. L. Deaton, 602 Pike st., Seattle, Wash.	1	8 75	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	A. Steimle, 614 4th st., Red Wing, Minn. Grand Total.....	9	87 834	582	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

A. See report of Committee of Statistics, page 26. Also Treasurer's Report, page 9. B. Pastor just assumed charge.
C. Rented by Congregation for Revenue.

Religious Services.

Wednesday Evening: OPENING SERVICE.

Preparatory Service by Rev. W. L. Smith.

Synodical Sermon by Rev. G. H. Gerberding, President,
on Judges vii. 20, 21.

Administration of the Lord's Supper.

Thursday Evening: EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

Rev. A. Steimle conducted the Vesper Service.

Rev. Prof. Henry Warren Roth, D. D., preached on John
vi. 9. Theme: "The Boy, the Bread, and the Bless-
ing."

[Friday Evening: see Friday's Minutes.]

Sunday Morning: DIVINE SERVICE.

Rev. R. L. Leatherman conducted the liturgical service.

Rev. H. L. McMurray preached on Eccl. xii. 1.

Sunday Noon: CHILDREN'S SERVICE.

Addresses by Revs. McMurray, Murphy and Passa-
vant, Jr.

Sunday Evening: HOME MISSION MEETING.

Address by Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., Gen. Council Sup.
of Eng. Home Miss.

Other Sunday Services:

Rev. A. Steimle preached at the Scandinavian Lutheran
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ing, and Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., at the Milwau-
kee Hospital Chapel in the afternoon.

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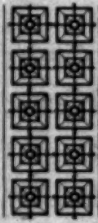
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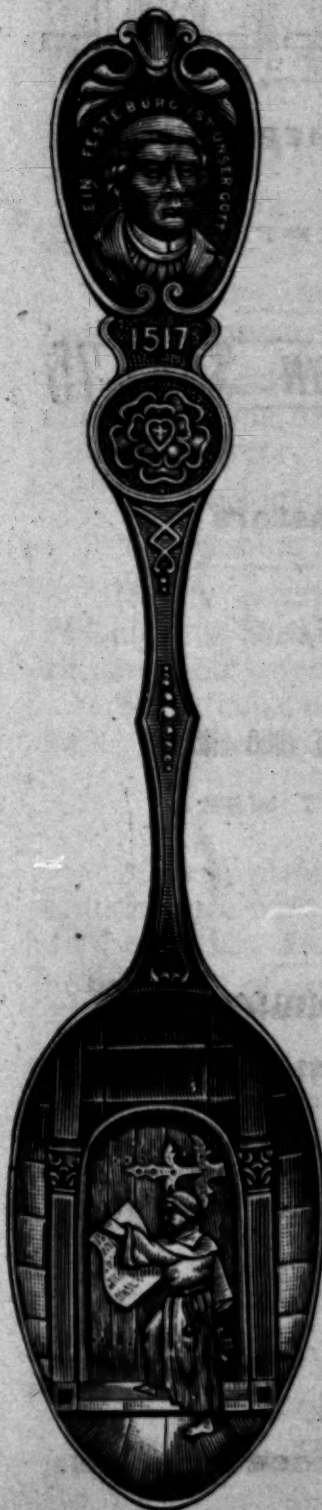
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